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PROGRESS REPORT NO. 8

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DATE: March 9, 2007

RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 8: Month Ending February 2007

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of the activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. In addition, it is also intended to provide a summary of proposed activities to be carried out within the coming months.

We wish to confirm that as required under the terms of the Agreement (i.e., Paragraph 13), draft copies of the Cultural Resources Coordination Plan, Site Health and Safety Plan, and a 2007 Sediment Investigation of Beaches and Depositional Areas Sampling and Analysis Plan/Quality Assurance Project Plan (SAP/QAPP) were submitted to EPA and Participating Parties on February 26, 2007. As was carried out for the draft RI/FS work plan (submitted on December 28, 2006), the aforementioned draft deliverables were submitted electronically via the project website (www.ucr-rifs.com) with individual hard copies forwarded to the attention of Mr. Kevin Rochlin (EPA, Region 10), Mr. Dan Audet (Department of Interior), Mr. John Roland (State Department of Ecology), Ms. Patti Bailey (Colville Confederated Tribes) and Mr. Randall Connolly (Spokane Tribe of Indians). We also wish to confirm that additional hard copies and associated compact discs were distributed as required shortly thereafter to any and all Participating Parties listed within EPA's December 14, 2006 letter.

TCAI has received EPA's preliminary comments on the draft work plan and is in agreement that a series of meetings to review and discuss items such as the conceptual site models (CSMs), problem formulation and proposed studies is in order. Therefore and as discussed during our weekly conference calls, we look forward to presenting and reviewing the aforementioned materials with EPA and Participating Parties on April 17 – 19, 2007 in Seattle, Washington. In addition and in preparation of the aforementioned meetings, TCAI encourages the exchange of technical information between TCAI's (i.e., Betsy Day and Rick Cardwell) and EPA's Technical Team and the mutual development of the agenda.

In addition to the above-mentioned, we wish to confirm that TCAI is also working on the request from EPA regarding additional detail for the Trail Facility. A summary of the specific items to be addressed and information provided, has been outlined and summarized in a letter to EPA

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(attention Mr. Kevin Rochlin) dated March 7, 2007. As outlined within the response letter, TCAI will provide the information within the specified 90-day period.

A summary of activities (i.e., deliverables) completed to date and those anticipated within in the near future are presented within Table 1 below.

Table 1. Upper Columbia River Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Summary of On-Going and Planned Activities

Task No.	Task Description	Status	Issues	Estimated Completion Date ¹
1.	2005 Field Data Transfer	Complete	None to report at this time	<u>July 31, 2006</u>
2.	Technical Memorandum ²	Complete	None to report at this time	<u>October 27, 2006</u>
3.	Draft RI/FS Work Plan	Complete	None to report at this time	<u>December 28, 2006</u>
4.	Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) ³	Complete	None to report at this time	<u>February 26, 2007</u>
5.	Health and Safety Plan	Complete	None to report at this time	<u>February 26, 2007</u>
6.	Cultural Resources Coordination Plan	Complete	None to report at this time	<u>February 26, 2007</u>
7.	Revised RMAO Memorandum ⁴	On-going	None to report at this time	March 19, 2007
8.	Surface Water SAP	On-going	None to report at this time	April 2007
9.	Additional Trail Data ⁵	On-going	None to report at this time	May 7, 2007
10.	Screening Level ERA ⁶	On-going	None to report at this time	May 2007

- Notes:
1. Dates that have been underlined represent the actual day that the respective deliverable was submitted to EPA as per Paragraph 80 of the Agreement.
 2. As outlined within the Agreement the technical memorandum outlines and described the Risk-Based Remedial Objectives for the Ecological Risk Assessment. Remedial objectives for the protection of human health will be prepared by EPA and submitted under separate cover at a later date.
 3. The SAP submitted in fulfillment of Paragraph 13 of the Agreement was the 2007 *Sediment Investigation of Beaches and Depositional Areas*.
 4. The draft technical memorandum on risk-based management action objectives (RMAOs) is to be revised per EPA's January 16, 2007 comments.
 5. Following a request outlined by EPA in a letter dated February 1, 2007 (received on February 5, 2007), TCAI is in the process of compiling additional information for the Trail Facility so as to assist in the identification of contaminants of potential concern (COPCs) as outlined within Paragraph 24 of the Agreement.
 6. ERA = Ecological Risk Assessment. It should be noted that this activity has been somewhat delayed until discussions with EPA and Participating Parties regarding the draft work plan and key items (e.g., problem formulation and site conceptual models) occur.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-892-2585.